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Speaker Martin R. Stephens
President Al Mansell
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State Capitol
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

Subject: Interim Study Topics

Dear Chairs and Committee Members:

Earlier this year, the Legislative Management Committee directed the Health and Human Services Interim Committee to give priority consideration to the following items from the Master Study Resolution:

- Item 31: Impacts related to the senior population
- Item 54: Guardian ad litem
- Item 62: Pharmaceutical cost reduction (H.B. 69)
- Items 44, 48, 50: Bleeding disorders

By the completion of our June meeting we will have dealt with all but the guardian ad litem issue. We recommend that the Legislative Management Committee:

- (1) redirect the study of Item 54, Guardian ad litem, from the interim committee to the Child Welfare Legislative Oversight Panel where there will be greater opportunity for the issue to be thoroughly considered, and alert the Panel to three other items related to child welfare:
 - (a) Item 51: DCFS involvement in protective orders;
 - (b) Item 52: DCFS ombudsman changes (S.B. 54); and
 - (c) Item 65: Protective custody of abused children (H.B. 151);
- (2) authorize the interim committee to study two other Master Study items related to prescription drugs:
 - (a) Item 64: Prescription drugs for seniors—Arizona's CoppeRx program; and
 - (b) Item 63: Prescription drug pricing data (H.B. 350); and
- (3) authorize the interim committee to study Master Study Item 61, Midwifery (H.B. 227).

We intend to review the work of the Child Welfare Legislative Oversight Panel under (1) above as part of our statutory duty to receive an annual report from the Panel.

Sincerely,

Senator James M. Evans, Senate Chair

Representative Mike Thompson, House Chair

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